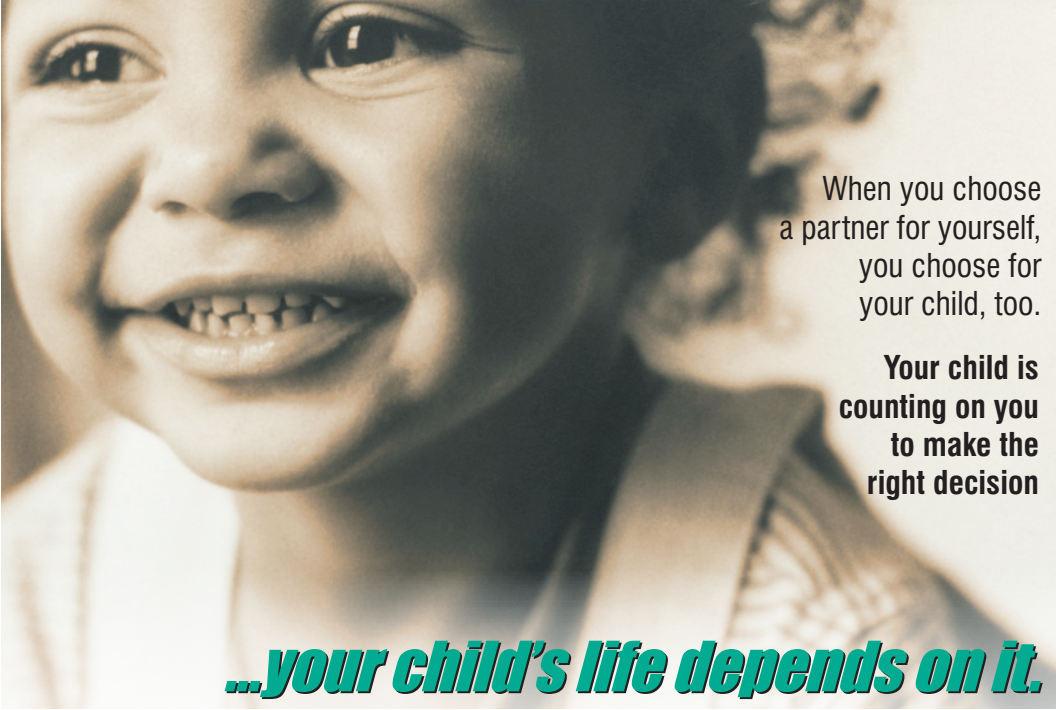


Choose Your Partner Carefully

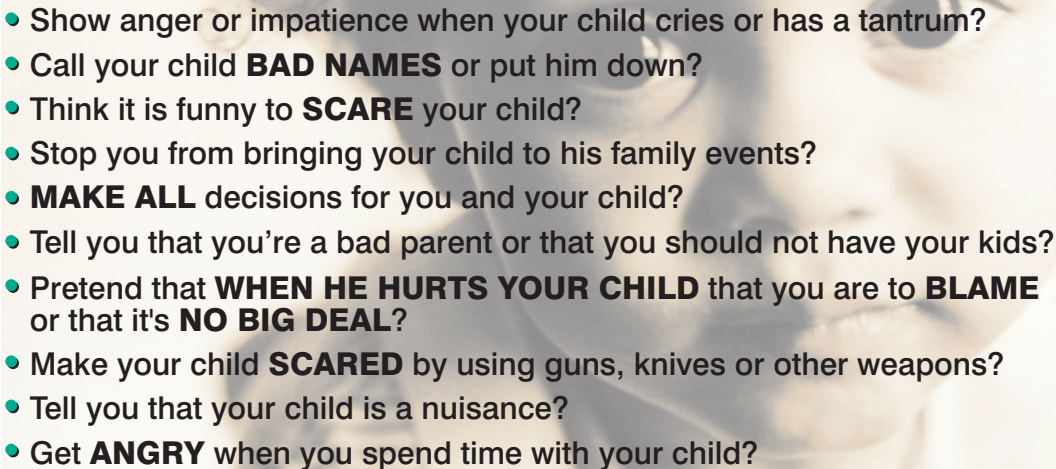


When you choose
a partner for yourself,
you choose for
your child, too.

Your child is
counting on you
to make the
right decision

...your child's life depends on it.


Does Your Partner:

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- Show anger or impatience when your child cries or has a tantrum?
 - Call your child **BAD NAMES** or put him down?
 - Think it is funny to **SCARE** your child?
 - Stop you from bringing your child to his family events?
 - **MAKE ALL** decisions for you and your child?
 - Tell you that you're a bad parent or that you should not have your kids?
 - Pretend that **WHEN HE HURTS YOUR CHILD** that you are to **BLAME** or that it's **NO BIG DEAL**?
 - Make your child **SCARED** by using guns, knives or other weapons?
 - Tell you that your child is a nuisance?
 - Get **ANGRY** when you spend time with your child?

**If you answered "yes" to even one of these questions,
your child may be at risk.**

**Never leave your baby with someone
you don't trust with your child's life...**

Get to know a person before you allow access to your children:



Don't let them
move in too quickly...

...your child's life depends on it.

- Know if your partner has a criminal history:
 - 1) Check Franklin County Municipal Court Clerks Office – www.fcmcclerk.com for warrants and arrests.
 - 2) Check eSORN Sex Offender Registry at www.esorn.ag.state.oh.us
- How does he treat the women in his family?
- How does he treat other children (nieces, nephews, friend's children)?
- Does your partner have children of their own? How do they parent them?
- How has he treated former girlfriends?

You can receive help:

- For child care information contact **Action for Children** at **614-224-0222** or **www.actionforchildren.org**
- To report abuse call **Franklin County Children Services** at **614-229-7000**
- For parenting resources call **Franklin County Children Services** at **614-341-6060** or **www.franklincountyohio.gov/children_services**
- For more information and parenting resources, contact the **Center for Child and Family Advocacy** at **614-722-8200** or **www.nationwidechildrens.org/ccfa**